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*A.*—(*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have not the information asked for: nor is there any report or return from which it could be readily compiled.

(*e*) The power to split up villages and appoint additional karnams is vested by law in the Board of Revenue.

## Civil Justice

*Relations of the Sarishtadar of Guntur District Court.*

*1377 *Q.*—Mr. G. R. Premayya: With reference to the answer to question No. 44 answered on 23rd August 1927, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the District Munsif of Gurazala is the brother-in-law of the Sarishtadar of the Guntur District Court?

(*b*) whether there are clerks in Judicial service in the district who are the Sarishtadar's nearest relations; and

(*c*) whether the Sarishtadar of the Guntur District Court has been in the district for the last five years?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The present Sarishtadar took up his duties on 5th July 1923.

*Muhammadan clerks in the Judicial department, Vizagapatam and Ganjam districts.*

*1378 *Q.*—Mr. Tajuddin Sahib: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Muhammadan clerks employed in the Civil Judicial department of Vizagapatam and Ganjam districts;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that there is not a single Muhammadan clerk either in 60 to 80 grade or 80 to 120 grade in the above two districts;

(*c*) whether there are no qualified Muhammadan clerks to be promoted to these grades in these districts;

(*d*) whether there are any unpassed non-Muhammadan clerks in the above grades in the two districts;

(*e*) whether the policy of promoting unpassed and unqualified clerks to the higher grades is still observed in spite of the existence of Muhammadan passed men; and

(*f*) whether deafness of clerks is taken as a disqualification for promotion to the higher grade?

*A.*—(*a*) Vizagapatam—Two.
Ganjam—One.

(*b*) The facts are as stated by the hon. Member.

(*c*) Vizagapatam—There are no qualified Muhammadan clerks.
Ganjam—There is one Muhammadan clerk who, though not declared eligible for University courses of study, has passed the Civil and Criminal Judicial Tests.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The answer depends on the degree of deafness and the extent to which the defect will affect the clerk's efficiency in the discharge of a particular kind of duty.